

ANNUAL EXAMINATION

ENGLISH CLASS IX

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: : 3 hours

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A-Reading

1. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** **10 x 1 =10**

1. Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing girl of Mohenjodaro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
2. Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore, the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall - the length of a human palm - but she surprises us with the power of great art - the ability to communicate across centuries.
3. A series of bangles - of shell or ivory or thin metal - clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
4. She speaks of the undaunted ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.
 - i. The dancing girl belongs to
 - a. Mohenjodaro
 - b. Greek culture
 - c. Homosapiens
 - d. Tibet
 - ii. In the museum she's kept among
 - a. dancing figures
 - b. bronze statues
 - c. terracotta animals
 - d. books
 - iii. Select the option that displays the information not given in the passage.
 - a. The girl is caged behind glass.
 - b. She is a rare artefact.
 - c. School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
 - d. She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
 - iv. Complete the following for the passage:

Option	Reason
Great Art has power	

- v. On the basis of your reading of the given passage, write any one interesting fact about the Dancing girl of Mohenjodaro.
- vi. What does the dancing girl remind us? Mention any two points from the last para of the passage.
 1. _____

2. _____
- vii. The dancing girl is made of _____.
- Terracotta
 - glass
 - bronze
 - Both terracotta and bronze
- viii. Which of these is FALSE:
- The dancing girls has no feet.
 - She is small.
 - She is little bigger than the human palm.
 - She is a little over 10 cm tall.
- ix. What material was used to make the ornament that the dancing girl was wearing?
- x. The dancing girl is a perfect example of _____.
- rare artefact
 - hopeful human spirit
 - modern art
 - Both rare artefact and hopeful human spirit

2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: 10 x 1 =10

The Measles Resurgence

- Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are a range of psychological conditions characterised by abnormalities in social interaction, behaviour, interests, and communication. The five forms of ASD include Classical autism, Asperger syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Rett syndrome, and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder. Although the number of reported cases of ASD have experienced a dramatic increase in the past 25 years, the majority of doctors agree that this increase is due to changes in diagnostic practices and advances in the understanding of psychiatric health.
- While there is no general consensus among medical professionals about the underlying causes of ASD, theories range from genetic inheritance to environmental factors. One of the most controversial theories to have emerged in recent times is the hypothesis that ASD could be caused by the MMR vaccine, which is an immunization against measles, mumps, 1960". The vaccine is a mixture of three live viruses and is administered via injection to children when they are one year old. By the late 1990's, this vaccination had led to the near-eradication of measles in countries that employed widespread inoculation. However, a combination of spurious scientific data and alarmist media attention led to an entirely preventable resurgence in measles cases in the early 21 st century.
- The first claims of a connection between the MMR vaccine and autism were made in 1998, when an article in The Lancet a respected British medical journal, reported on eight cases of autism that could possibly be traced back to the administration of an MMR vaccine. The parents of the children in this study contended that the symptoms of autism in their children developed within days of vaccination. During a press conference, Andrew Wakefield, one of the doctors to stop giving combined MMR vaccines, instead advocating for individual inoculations against measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Following the publication of this article, Wakefield published several follow-up papers that further questioned the safety of the MMR vaccine. An onslaught of media coverage then began. Parents appeared on television sharing anecdotal evidence linking their child's inoculation to the onset of ASD. The popular press quickly seized upon this story: in 2002, over 1200 articles were written about the link between MMR vaccines and ASD. Less than 30% of these articles mentioned that an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe.

- i. The purpose of parents appearing on the television sharing anecdotal evidence was _____.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 - (1) According to a study, it is found that the cause behind ASD in children is increasing stress and anxiety at a tender age.
 - (2) The advancement in diagnostic techniques by doctors had proven great to decrease the number of ASD cases.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2).
 - b. (1) is the reason for (2).
 - c. (1) is true and (2) is false
 - d. Both (1) and (2) are false
- iii. State the meaning of the statement "The popular press quickly seized upon this story."
- iv. According to the doctors, the number of reported cases of ASD have experienced a dramatic increase in the past 25 years. It was because of _____.
- v. Select the option listing what the given sentence refers to.
The symptoms of ASD did NOT include:
 - (1) abnormalities in social interaction
 - (2) high fever
 - (3) bipolar behavior
 - (4) unusual interests
 - (5) Abnormal communication
 a) (1), (2) and (5) b. (2) and (3) c. (4) and (5) d. (1), (3) and (5) 1
- vi. The MMR vaccine contained three live viruses. (State True/false)
- vii. The story of MMR vaccines and ASD relation got attention proving the power of _____.
- viii. Which of the following options suggest that the safety of the vaccines had no great evidence as such?
 - a) The parents of the children in this study contended that the symptoms of autism in their children developed within days of vaccination.
 - b) Wakefield published several follow up papers that further questioned the safety of the MMR vaccine.
 - c) Parents appeared on television sharing anecdotal evidence linking their child's inoculation to the onset of ASD.
 - d) Less than 30% of these articles mentioned that an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe.
- ix. The MMR vaccine was first developed in the 1950's. (True/false)
- x. Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage
Dangerous : safe :: retreat: _____

SECTION B –GRAMMAR & CREACTIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. Attempt any Ten of the following questions

10 x 1 =10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following.
The Appeal Court _____ the lower court's ruling.
 - a) strike down
 - b) strike up
 - c) struck down
 - d) will strike
- ii. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.**

Ranbir: Where is my car? I remember parking it here.

Policeman: The car has been towed away as you parked it in the 'no parking zone'. Looking for his car, Ranbir asked the policeman standing there where his was and that he remembered parking it there.

To this, the policeman replied that _____.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from the list of good manners:

Children _____ always listen to their parents.

- a) must
- b) shall
- c) may
- d) should

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

An initial investigation into the matter has revealed that the fire may have been caused by a short circuit.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	an	the
B	into	of
C	has	have
D	may	might

- v. She _____ me at the meetings only on Sundays as a child.

- a) saw
- b) had seen
- c) was seeing
- d) is seeing

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

This selfless initiative carried out with dedication and responsibility, _____ (deserve) due recognition.

- vii. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.**

Ankit: Where are you going?

Atul: To the airport.

Ankit asked Atul where he was going. Atul replied _____.

- viii. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

Surat HI LIFE EXHIBITION You're last chance to make a fashion statement LAST DAY TODAY

- ix. Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- x. Mona failed to join an important meeting. The team leader asked Mona the following question. Report the TL's question.

Were you informed about the meeting yesterday?

- xi. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the warning given by hospital staff.

This is a hospital. You _____ smoke here.

- a) shouldn't
- b) can't
- c) do not
- d) mustn't

- xii. Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence:

"Don't try this at home," the stuntman told the audience.

- a) The stuntman advised the audience do not try that at home.
 b) The stuntman advised the audience not to try that at home.
 c) The stuntman advised the audience not to tried that at home.
 d) The stuntman advises the audience not to try that at home.
- xiii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:
 An initial investigation of the matter has revealed that the fire might have been caused by a short circuit.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	an	the
B	of	into
C	has	have
D	might	may

5. Attempt any one of the following 5

- A. Write a descriptive paragraph, in about 100-150 words, on 'Inspiring Teacher'. Take the information given below in the input.
 lecturer in Sanskrit literature — third person who has the highest knowledge of Sanskrit linguistic — specialty in calligraphy and philosophy — he was a truck driver in Tamil Nadu ii — appointed to be a guest lecturer in university of Delhi — he was carrying a plastic bag wore a simple, outfit — didn't have many rules in his class — he let us feel and try the words—humble heart and persistence — always tried our best in the class – admired by his attitude towards his students

OR

- B. Indian summers are really unbearable. One day the maximum temperature shot up to 47°C. It was most miserable day of the year for you. Record the experience in your diary.

6. Attempt any one of the following 5

- A. Mohan wrote just few lines but couldn't develop the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the input given below and the introductory lines written by Mohan, complete the story.
 The celebrated archer Guru Dronacharya taught the royal princes the finer points of archery. One day he wanted to test

OR

- B. You have been preparing for the National Talent Search Examination for the last one year and have got a very good rank. Write your story using the following clues.
 humble family background-ambition to be something-scholarship, a means to that-preparation-help from the teachers-use of library-examination-result.

SECTION C-LITERATURE

7. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: 5 x 1 =5

A. *MARGIE even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, 'Today Tommy found a real book!' It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all the stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to - on a screen, you know. And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had, when they read it the first time.*

- i. What do you mean by a real book?
 a. book printed on paper b. old book

- c. storybook
 - d. none of these
- ii. What was the funny about the book?
 - a. words on the printed book did not move
 - b. books appeared on the screen
 - c. words moving on the screen
 - d. none of these
- iii. What did Margie write in her diary?
 - a. All stories were printed on paper
 - b. Book was awfully funny
 - c. None of these
 - d. 'Today Tommy found a real book!'
- iv. Margie's _____ once said that when he was a little boy, his grandfather told him that there was a time when all the stories were printed on paper.
 - a. grandfather
 - b. grandmother
 - c. mother
 - d. father
- v. Pick out a word from the passage which means small:
 - a. found
 - b. little
 - c. none of these
 - d. many

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

One of the famous papers of 1905 was Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity, according to which time and distance are not absolute. Indeed, two perfectly accurate clocks will not continue to show the same time if they come together again after a journey if one of them has been moving very fast relative to the other. From this followed the world's most famous formula which describes the relationship between mass and energy: $E = mc^2$

While Einstein was solving the most difficult problems in physics, his private life was unravelling. Albert had wanted to marry Mileva right after finishing his studies, but his mother was against it. She thought Mileva, who was three years older than her son, was too old for him. She was also bothered by Mileva's intelligence. "She is a book like you," his mother said. Einstein put the wedding off.

- i. Before securing a job what did Einstein do and which theory did he give to the world?
 - a. sat at home
 - b. None of these
 - c. He gave the theory of mass and energy
 - d. worked
- ii. How many years was Mileva older than Albert?
 - a. 5
 - b. 2
 - c. 4
 - d. 3
- iii. While Einstein was solving the most difficult problem in _____, his private life was unravelling.
 - a. Mathematics
 - b. Physics
 - c. Chemistry
 - d. Biology
- iv. What did Einstein's mother compare Mileva with?
 - a. guitar

- b. watch
 - c. none of these
 - d. book
- v. Albert had wanted to marry Mileva right _____ his studies.
- a. none of these
 - b. after finishing
 - c. before finishing
 - d. before starting
7. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** **5 x 1 =5**
- He won't do what you tell him.
 So, come, let's build strong homes,
 Let's joint the doors firmly.
 Practise to firm the body
 Make the heart steadfast
- i. What should the people do to save their homes?
 - a. build strong homes and close the doors firmly
 - b. none of these
 - c. use good cement
 - d. consult a good architect
 - ii. He won't do what you tell him. Who is he in this line?
 - a. All of these
 - b. God
 - c. Wind God
 - d. Wind
 - iii. What does the poet advise?
 - a. make our body firm and strong
 - b. all of these
 - c. build strong homes
 - d. join the door firmly
 - iv. Which figure of speech has been used in the poem?
 - a. anaphore and metaphoric
 - b. All of these
 - c. alliteration
 - d. personification
 - v. The word from the extract that means proper is _____.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Now in memory comes my mother,
 As she used in years a gone,
 To regard the darling dreamers
 Ere she left them till the dawn:
 O! I feel her fond look on me
 As I list to this refrain
 Which is played upon the shingles
 By the patter of the rain.

- i. Who comes in the poet's memory?
 - a. His mother
 - b. The rain
 - c. His father
 - d. His friend

- ii. Who are the darling dreamers?
 - a. The street children
 - b. The school children
 - c. None of these
 - d. The poet and his brothers
- iii. Select the correct meaning of refrain.
 - a. Sound of piano music
 - b. Stop making noise
 - c. The noise of the rain
 - d. Making refined efforts
- iv. What does the poet imply by “the darling dreamers”?
- v. What refrain is the poet talking about?

8. Answer any Four of the following in 30-40 words 4 x 3=12

- i) What makes the appearance of children funny? Write your answer in the context of poem A Legend of the Northland.
- ii) What does the poet mean by The strength of the tree exposed? Write your answer in the context of Poem On Killing a Tree.
- iii) How did Margie and Tommy express their feelings about the real book?
- iv) How was Kalam’s mother ideal support to her husband?
- v) How is the flute player’s way of selling flutes different from that of the other hawkers around?

9. Answer any Two of the following in 30-40 words 2 x 3 = 6

- i) Why was Johnsy’s condition worrisome according to the doctor?
- ii) What problem arose before the final execution of the criminal?
- iii) His heart went cold’ when he reached his village. Why? Write your answer in the context of The Happy Prince.

10. Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words 1 x 5 = 5

- i) The lives of Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova have much in common to prove that determined and consistent hard work paves the way to success. Identify the points of comparison and contrast in the lives of these two great players.
- ii) I looked into the mirror and smiled”, says the doctor. A little later he says, “I forgot my danger and smiled feebly at myself”. What is the doctor’s opinion about himself when he smiles first and then later? In what way do his thoughts change in between, and why?

11. Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words 1 x 5 = 5

- i) Fools cannot continue with their follies for long. How can you justify this statement in relation to the story?.
- ii) Imagine you are advocating Sergei. You meet Lushkoff after a gap of two years and are happy to see him as a reformed man. Write a letter in about 150 words to your friend Antonio Banderas to whom you had sent Lushkoff with a letter of recommendation.

In your letter you should write:

- when and where you met Lushkoff
- what revelation he made about Olga
- how you felt after learning the truth